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25X1 [Note: Although no actual conscription program has yet been reported, there have been persistent rumors of large scale conscription of North Korean young men. According to these rumors all young men between the ages of 18 and 30 will be inducted into the North Korean Constabulary (Kyung Bi Dai 警備隊) in the near future. It has also been reported that the Kyung Bi Dai became, in November 1946, the name for the Korean National Army, with which the original Kyung Bi Dai was merged.]

Constabulary in the Uiju Area

1. There are 120 Korean Constabulary troops in the Uiju (Gishu) (124-32, 40-12) area. Their main headquarters is in the former Japanese Hotel in the Nanman district (南門洞).
2. There are guard sub-stations in Ojok-tong (124-30, 40-12), on Sungba Island (勝下島) in Uiju, and in the Bukha / Pukha (北下洞) and Sugu / Suku (水口洞) districts of Uiju. Note: A team called Sugu-dong (Suikodo, 124-38, 40-16) is approximately eight miles north-east of Uiju.)
3. The chief duty of the troops is to guard the Yalu River bank on the Korean-Manchurian border. Guards are stationed every 50 meters along the river bank in the Uiju area. They are equipped with Japanese Model 38 rifles. Occasional training exercises are held in the mountains near Uiju.
4. All members of the Constabulary in the Uiju area came from other parts of North Korea, the largest number coming from the Chongjin (Seishin) (129-49, 41-46) area. Note: most of the troops speak the dialect of the Chongjin area.

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Note: The names appearing in brackets are romanized according to the McCune-Reischauer system.

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